

## CHAPTER 116

## H.B. No. 221

## AN ACT

relating to the appointment of members to the Board of Law Examiners.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 82.001(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Appointments shall be made without regard to race, color, disability, creed, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act do not affect an appointment made before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 23, 1999: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting;  
passed by the Senate on May 6, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 18, 1999.

Effective May 18, 1999.

## CHAPTER 117

## H.B. No. 431

## AN ACT

relating to the determination of the amount of proof of financial responsibility for the application of certain pesticides.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 76.111(a), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

(1) "Applicator [~~"applicator~~]" business" means a person who applies a state-limited-use or restricted-use pesticide or regulated herbicide to the land of another for compensation and who:

(A) [~~(1)~~] is a licensed commercial applicator; or

(B) [~~(2)~~] employs at least one licensed commercial applicator.

(2) "M-44 device" means a nonexplosive, spring-operated mechanical device designed to deliver a capsule of sodium cyanide into the mouth of the target animal as a method of livestock predation control.

SECTION 2. Section 76.111(e), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the amount of the proof of financial responsibility may not be less than \$100,000 for each occurrence for property damage and may not be less than \$100,000 for each occurrence for bodily injury or a general aggregate at a minimum of \$200,000 for each occurrence. The head of a regulatory agency by rule may require different amounts of coverage for different classifications of operations under this chapter. *Each commercial M-44 applicator license applicant must provide proof of financial responsibility acceptable to the department for bodily injury and property damage coverage insuring the applicator against liability for damage to persons or property occurring as a result of operations performed in the course of the application to premises or any other property under the applicator's care, custody, or control. The department will*